

# HENRY THRELKELD COLEMAN & EMILY SPRINGER COLEMAN



Bishop of Midway First Ward—1906-1913.

Henry T. Coleman was born November 20, 1863, in Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah. He was the only son of Henry and Mary Jane Threlkeld Coleman. The family moved to Midway in 1864. He married Emily M. Springer on December 31, 1889. They had eleven children, ten of whom lived to adulthood.

Mr. Coleman was blessed December, 1863, in Big Cottonwood by Bishop Brinton. He was baptized in 1873 by Peter Abplanalp, Sr., and like many others at that time was re-baptized in 1880 by Elijah Alder and confirmed by John Huber. He was ordained a teacher in 1881 by David Van Wagoner; as an Elder in 1890 by Bishop David Van Wagoner; as a High Priest by Apostle Hyrum M. Smith in 1906. He was an acting teacher with John Van Wagoner, Sr., in 1881, with John Sonderegger in 1890. In 1890 he was chosen as the secretary of the

2nd Quorum of Elders to Adam Empey as President. In 1892 he was chosen as 2nd counselor in the 2nd Quorum of Elders with D. L. Van Wagoner as president, John A. Wootton as 1st counselor, and John E. Morton as secretary. In 1905 he was set apart by Bishop Joseph Francom as the 1st counselor in the YMMIA with Attewell Wootton, Jr., president; John Van Wagoner, 2nd counselor; and Robert Ross, secretary. In 1906 he was set apart as Bishop of the Midway First Ward under the hands of Apostle Hyrum M. Smith, with John U. Buehler as his first counselor, William L. Van Wagoner as his second counselor, and Charles E. Bronson as clerk. When Brother Buehler moved away, he chose William L. Van Wagoner as 1st counselor and William W. Wilson as his second counselor. When Charles Bronson went on his mission, he chose Simon Epperson to be the ward clerk. In October, 1913, Bishop Coleman was sustained as a member of the Wasatch Stake High Council and was set apart by Apostle James E. Talmage. In 1920 he was ordained the Patriarch of Wasatch Stake by the Church Patriarch, Hyrum G. Smith. This position he held at his death.

Mr. Coleman was appointed constable of Midway in 1892 by the Governor of the Territory of Utah, Arthur L. Thomas. He was made a trustee of the Midway Town Board in 1897. In 1898 he was appointed road supervisor of the Midway roads. He was president of the Midway Water Works from 1900 to 1906. He was elected a member of the Wasatch County Commission in 1900, and served until 1907. He was elected a member of the Midway Town Board in 1907. He served on the Draft Board during World War I. He was appointed as an agent of the United States Public Service Bureau by the U.S. Secretary of Labor, W. B. Nelson, in 1918; and was appointed a delegate to the Mountain Congress for a League of Nations by Governor Simon Bamberger in 1919. He was crop and pests inspector of Wasatch County in 1919-1921. He was elected president of the Wasatch County Chamber of Commerce in 1930. He was appointed a member of the Utah State Defense Council in 1942, was a member of the Selective Service Board from 1942 to 1947. He was a director of the Heber Bank. He served as State Road Foreman in Wasatch County for twenty-six years.

He died May 13, 1952, in Midway, and was buried in the Midway Cemetery.

Emily Matilda Springer Coleman was born September 6, 1868, in Midway. She was the daughter of Nathan Chatmond Springer and Matilda Robey. She was married to Henry Threlkeld Coleman on December 31, 1889, in Midway, and the marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple.

Emily came into the world one bright autumn Sabbath morning, the first-born of her goodly parents. The beautiful early morning birth heralded the joy and brightness of this lovely person. She learned easily and quickly. She was talented and capable from her very early childhood. She was a born executive and leader. She could sing, play the organ and write well at an early age. She had exceptional dramatic ability. While still in the elementary school, she assisted Attewell Wootton, the teacher, with his reading groups. At fourteen years of age she was a teacher in the Sunday School, and continued from then on to work in the Church.

After the death of her father she was a great comfort and help to her mother and family. She and her husband lived close to the Robeys and Springers and proved a pillar of strength to them.

Mrs. Coleman is the mother of eleven children, ten of them still living—all prosperous, talented citizens. She is the author of many lovely poems and pageants. She directed scores of pageants, programs and plays. She sang in the choir and was a member of the Singing Mothers until her advanced years prevented participation. She will be ninety-one years old in September, 1959.

She taught in the Mutual Improvement Association in her youth. She was president of the primary in the Midway First Ward, president of the Midway First Ward Relief Society for thirteen years and counselor for five years. She was a member of the Wasatch Stake Sunday School Board, the Stake Mutual Improvement Association Board, the Stake Relief Society Board. She has been a teacher in the Sunday School and Relief Society, and was the genealogical leader of the Midway First Ward.

She was the Charter Captain of the Hawthorne Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, first vice-president to county



president Jane Turner of the DUP, first vice-president to county president Emma Wherritt of the DUP, county chaplain of the DUP.

She was chairman of the Red Cross in Midway, and co-chairman of the Liberty Bond Drive. She was a member of the Midway Dramatic Club, correspondent for the Wasatch Wave for forty years. She has spoken at many funerals, and presented innumerable programs. She was the Wasatch County Mother of the Year in 1955. She has traveled extensively.

The home of Henry and Emily Coleman has always been a gathering place, abounding in friendliness, cheer and hospitality.

Mrs. Coleman died at her home on March 15, 1961, and was buried in the Midway Cemetery.

At the time of her death, an editorial in the Wasatch Wave of April 6, 1961, entitled "A Grand Old Lady—Emily Coleman," said the following:

"The grand old lady of Wasatch County passed away last month, leaving a vacancy in the hearts of an entire community.

"Mrs. Emily Coleman, known affectionately as "Grandma" to hundreds of younger friends, left at her death a heritage of ten children, 26 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren spread across the world from Midway to Australia.

"In addition, her friends numbered in the thousands; Midway First Ward Chapel, scene of her funeral, overflowed with the crowd present to pay their final respects, and notes of sympathy continue to pour in from far and wide.

"A correspondent for the Wasatch Wave for 40 years, Grandma Coleman served her church and community faithfully in many capacities.

"Grandma Coleman had been around for 92 years, so her passing came as no shock to family and friends. But those 92 years had been so filled with doing and giving and loving that she had become a permanent part of Wasatch County; her handsome, hospitable Midway home a haven for relatives and neighbors who found her perennial youth, her warmth and sparkle irresistible.

"Just as the gay patchwork cushion covers she worked at cheer the homes of her many friends here, so will the memory of Grandma Coleman cheer for years to come all whose lives she touched with hers."

Children of Henry Threlkeld Coleman and Emily Matilda Springer:

Henry Springer, married Viva Christine Orrock;

Guy Ellsworth, married Teresa Aplanalp;

Mrs. Francis C. (Lethe Belle) Tatge;

Mrs. C. Elmer (Merle Vivienne) Madsen;

Glen Robey, died in infancy;

Nathan Chatmond, married Cleo Stubbs,

who died, and Esther Johnson;

Keith Threlkeld, married Hazel Mae Blood;

Dale Franklin, married Nancy Helen Doolin;

Mrs. Laurence Winfield (Rhea Lillian) Guild;

Mrs. Reed A. (Ruth May) Phillips;

Mrs. George Frank (Jessie Chloë) Madsen.

One of the outstanding poets and writers of Midway has been Mrs. Emily Springer Coleman. Her writings have included tributes to friends, accounts of pioneer activities and several successful pageants including "The Gate of Heaven," "Women of the Bible," and "From the Cradle to the Grave."

One of her poetry selections, a descriptive piece about Midway, is included here.

## MIDWAY, WASATCH CO., UTAH

The little town of Midway  
In the heart of the Wasatch hills.  
Has enough of scenic beauty  
To give every one some thrills.

At the foot of Old Timpanogos,  
Crowned with perpetual snow,  
It nestles in green verdant meadows  
In the beautiful valley below.

On the North is our famous hot-pots,  
The only type in the State.  
On the South, the Provo River,  
Where fishermen cast their bait.

On the west the rolling foot-hills,  
For those who care to climb.  
And gaze on our beautiful hamlet,  
And hear old church bells chime.

On the east a faithful sentinel  
Stands Memorial Hill.  
On its crest granite columns  
Made with artistic skill.

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## HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNT

To honor the names of our heroes  
Who helped defend our land.  
Indian, Civil and Spanish,  
And World War veterans grand.

We love our changing seasons,  
The spring with its verdant green.  
The summer aglow with splendor  
Fair as an artist's dream.

The autumn, a beautiful gypsy,  
In crimson, gold and brown.  
That dances in wild abandon  
As the leaves come drifting down.

Our winter too is lovely,  
In robes of downy white.  
Her million crystal diamonds,  
Gleaming in morning light.

So if you are seeking nature  
And rest from a city hot.  
Just come to the town of Midway,  
And you'll find a beauty spot.

p. 632 Composed by Emily S. Coleman



Mrs. Rhea Coleman Guild, who now lives in New Hampshire, has become well known for her lyrical verse. She has had many of her poems published in Eastern papers and magazines. p 633



## LITERATURE

Residents of Midway have always taken an interest in literature, and many of them have written for publication selections of prose and poetry of high literary and artistic quality.

The first writer to be recognized in Midway was Leo Haeffel, who left his native Germany in 1874 to come to America. He was employed as a journalist in Salt Lake City and Ogden until about 1889 when he came to Midway to teach school. During the year 1891 a severe diphtheria epidemic brought death to many Midway residents. Two of the victims were daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Bunnell. Their deaths touched Prof. Haeffel and he wrote in tribute to them the following poem:

### LILY AND ROSE

There blossomed round your family tree  
Two flowers sweet and bright;  
The blushing Rose you there could see,  
The winsome Lilly white,  
And Love's close blending harmony  
Two sisters did unite.

A happy life's unclouded sun  
Their tender buds did greet;  
So harmless in their childish fun,  
In innocence so sweet,  
Where one in frolic gay would run,  
The other's smile you'd meet.

One morn saw Rose and Lily rise  
With health in hopeful bloom,  
Then over the two blended skies  
There spread one ominous gloom,  
And now two hearts most tender ties  
And sunk in grave and tomb.

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### HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

As budding Lily, blushing Rose  
Had grown on the same stem,  
Fair hopes of Future to disclose,  
Sparkling with Love's bright gem;  
Thus they were one in life's swift close,  
Death could not sever them.

Now lie they, soft in dreamless sleep,  
Two flowers without a thorn,—  
Do not in idle sorrow weep;  
Again they will be born,  
T' Eternal Height from Death's dark keep,  
On Resurrection morn.

Midway, February 7th, 1891—L. H.

Leo Haeffel



Rose Coleman Hoyt attained high honors in literature at the University of Utah when she served as associate editor of the Pen, the school's literary magazine. She has had many of her poems published, and has been a regular contributor to the Y Magazine at Brigham Young University. In 1944 she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternities. She holds a master's degree in English and literature, and has taught at the University of Utah, University of Oregon, University of Arizona and BYU. *PCJ*



John Huber was another early day poet. He composed the lyrics to many familiar melodies. Here is one of his original poems that has been set to music.

## EVENING

In the twilight of the evening,  
Find we comfort in the breeze,  
When the stillness wakes emotion,  
And a spirit of devotion  
Seems to move among the trees,  
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Where the songsters are now hidden,  
With their blood in safe repose,  
When the streams are faster flowing  
And the shadows deeper growing,  
As the light a-hiding goes,  
As the light a-hiding goes.

Peace and worship swell the bosom,  
While unbidden bows the knee,  
Heart and thought are turned to yonder,  
Earthly fetters break asunder,  
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John Huber, 1901.

## JOHN AND MARY MAGDLENA MUNZ HUBER

John Huber, son of Johannes Huber and



Anna Elizabeth Huber. Born November 1, 1840, in Dottnacht, Switzerland. Married Mary Magdalena Munz October 18, 1863, in Payson. Died November 16, 1914, in Midway.

Mary Magdalena Munz, daughter of Heinrich Munz and Elizabeth Munz Munz. Born had same surname. Born January 26, 1843, at Dantzhansen, Canton Turgau, Switzerland. Died July 10, 1935, Midway.

John Huber immigrated to Utah in 1863, leaving Switzerland on May 3. The ship, Antarctic, carried 300 passengers and was on the ocean 49 days.

He crossed the plains with the Peter Nebeker Company, arriving on October 13, 1863. On October 18, 1863, John Huber and Mary Magdalena Munz were married at the Payson home of John Diem, with Bishop Fairbanks performing the ceremony. He was met at Payson by his mother and stepfather, Martin and Anna Elizabeth Naegeli, who had immigrated in 1861.

In the Spring of 1864 John Huber and his wife moved to Provo Valley, where the first settlers had come in 1859-60. They located in the upper settlement of Mound City. They lived in a log house near the old Schmetter home. A baby boy was born in October, but died, and was buried in the first cemetery on the hill.

In 1868 Mr. Huber and most able-bodied men found well-paid employment on the Union Pacific Railroad, approaching Green River. Many men brought home wagons, stoves, teams, etc. John Huber and Jacob Buchler operated one of the first saw mills on Snake Creek, west of the Provo River. Logs were hauled from surrounding mountains and sawed into lumber. In 1870 a house was partly built for the family when Mr. Huber was called on a mission to Switzerland. He left April 17, 1871 and returned July 4, 1874. He served as president of the Swiss mission. He helped to translate the

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Book of Mormon from the English to the German language and was editor of the Millennium Star.

The farm was located up Snake Creek. Soon after, the family moved from Snake Creek to Little Cottonwood where he worked as weighmaster at the stone quarry. The stones were loaded, shipped, and delivered to Salt Lake City for building of the Salt Lake Temple. Two years later Mr. Huber moved to Salt Lake, and later returned to Midway and the farm.

Mr. Huber was a prominent citizen taking part in most community projects of varied interests: He was a Black Hawk War veteran, agent for Wasatch and Jordan Valley railroad, census taker from 1880-1900, member of the school board for 24 years, secretary of the Midway Irrigation Company for 10 years, Justice of the Peace for two years, agent for crop reporting for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, teacher of a class in penmanship. He compiled a history of Midway Ward from 1859 to 1900, and took the school census.

Mr. Huber was an accomplished musician. He composed many poems and set the words to music. He organized a choir, a male chorus, glee club, and furnished music for church, conferences, ward entertainments, and funerals.

He was ward clerk for thirty years from 1878 to 1908 and was known for the almost perfect records he kept.

Mr. Huber built several houses in Midway, some of which are still standing. He and his family—sons, grandsons, and granddaughters—served 43 years in the mission fields.

Mary Magdalena was the third of five children in her family. The family was religiously inclined, claiming membership in the Church of the Reformation.

When Mary was seven her mother died, and she grew up with a step-mother, attending school and learning household duties. At the age of 20 she became intensely interested in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With a close friend, Amelia Stumpf, she would walk a distance of eight miles to hear the missionaries preach.

Mary was baptized a member of the Church April 15, 1861. In the meantime, her brother Conrad and sister Bertha came to America, and she and her friend Amelia followed in 1863. They traveled by train to

the rest of the way to Salt Lake. At Chimney Rock, Mary and Amelia were walking arm in arm during a heavy storm, when lightning struck them. Amelia was killed, and Mary knocked unconscious. She was revived and rode part of the way in a wagon after that.

The company, headed by John Huber, landed in Salt Lake September 24, 1863, and Mary went to Payson where her grandparents Naegeli had settled two years earlier. On October 23 she married John Huber and their first home was a large room where eight other people slept on the floor every night. John worked at a cannery in Payson.

In the spring of 1864 John and Mary moved to Midway, living with Dr. John Gerber and family.

During her husband's missionary service, his work in Salt Lake and all his labors in Midway, Mary stood by as a faithful wife and mother. She was a member of the first Relief Society in Midway, and served as a counselor to Elizabeth Wintch and also to Martha Bronson. She was an officer in the Relief Society for more than 20 years.

Mary maintained her home and farm on Snake Creek, where she died at the age of 93.

Children of John and Mary Huber are:  
John Martin Huber, married Elizabeth Gertsch

Henry Albert Huber, married Margaret Abegglen

Mary Magdalena Huber Probst, married Jacob Probst

Emma Elizabeth Huber Gibson, married James Gibson

Eliza Otilla Huber Gibson, married Alexander Gibson

Matilda Huber

Nephi Huber, married Ann Bronson

Joseph Emanuel Huber

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HUSBAND'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

## WIFE

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Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
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WILLIAM AND MARY  
MAIR LINDSAY

William Lindsay was born February 11, 1847, in Scotland. He was still in his ninth year when he went to the coal mine to assist his father and brother Robert. He remembers never seeing the sun in winter, except on Sunday, and of his mother waking them to get them off to the mine, with tears in her eyes because of their youth and the hard work required. The mine law said a boy must be 10 years old to be employed. One day the boss came into the mine and, seeing William, he asked if he was 10. William said he was not quite. The boss asked him to spell Carmelbank, which he did. He also gave him a book to read, which satisfied him as he said, "You are a clever boy and deserve a shilling." This was the first money he had ever been given and was proud of it. He had lost the sight of his right eye when two years old. His father was killed in the coal mine when he

Husband  
WifeWilliam LINDSAY  
Mary MAIR

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was 14. With his mother and seven brothers and sisters, they left Scotland and sailed for Zion, arriving in Heber on September 21, 1862. He accepted a job on a farm, receiving \$100 a year, payable in grain, to help feed the family. He later acquired an ox team and heavy wagon, and hauled coal from Silver Creek to Salt Lake to help the family. In 1866 he joined the territorial militia, as the Black Hawks were on the war path, for which service he in later years received a pension. To be able to do this he led an oxen team laden with produce to Salt Lake to buy guns for he and his brothers to use.

In the fall of 1867 he was one of three men chosen to go from Heber to haul granite blocks from Little Cottonwood Canyon to Salt Lake to build the Temple. In 1868 he drove an ox team and wagon in a caravan that brought immigrants from the Platte River to Salt Lake City. On December 15, 1868, he married Mary Mair, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake. It took two days to make the trip with oxen. His brother Robert and his sweetheart, Sarah Ann Murdock, went along and they were married the same day. Their mother accompanied them. While in the city they bought 100 pounds of flour for \$10, two straight chairs, a small rocker, one brass kettle of molasses, a few other needed things, and started home. But one of the oxen became lame and Mary had to take turns prodding it along behind the sleigh. Their first home was built of logs, a cellar with sandstone wall and floor, on the corner of Third East and First North, where Lowe Ashton now lives. Mary was a fine homemaker. She had worked in homes where she learned the fundamentals of cooking, nursing, sewing, etc. She was kind and cheerful, as was her husband, and they got along fine, each working to help make life a successful, happy adventure.

William entered a homestead on Lake Creek in 1876, taking their three little ones. They worked hard grubbing sagebrush to clear the land, build ditches for water, and all that goes to make a good farm. A seven-room farmhouse took the place of the first log cabin, and in 1876 William walked to Salt Lake to file for his citizenship papers. Although he was not privileged to obtain an education, he studied and did what



he could to help himself. Being anxious to help others, he held a night school in his own home. He was an exceptionally fine penman and speller, loved poetry, and delighted his family and friends with his own compositions. Among his poems is "Lovely Provo Valley." He also wrote many family histories for friends. He held many responsible positions in his Church and was very public-minded, being happy to be among those who would donate to public buildings and worthwhile projects. He was 58 years old when he moved his family from the farm to a house he owned in Heber, and went to England on a two-year mission. He visited relatives in Scotland before his return in 1907.

He was a good, honest, and kind man, being respected by all who knew him. He was 86 years old when he died, May 14, 1932.

His good wife Mary was born July 31, 1852, at Gaswater, Scotland. She came with her mother and brothers, Andrew and Alexander Mair, to Heber in 1864. They had a long, hard journey and she had mountain fever several weeks. However, with good food and care she soon mended after her arrival here.

Although their farm was three miles east of Heber, on the east side of Lindsay's Hill, they seldom were tardy or missed their meetings. She served in many Church capacities. A good cook, she made many fancily decorated three-tiered wedding cakes for people. Her services among the sick were unlimited until her health broke down. She was the daughter of Allan and Mary Murdoch Mair, and died June 3, 1916, at the age of 63. Yet she had lived a rich, full life of service cheerfully given. Their children were: Mary M. (Mamie Lindsay), William Howie, James Lyon, John Allan, Andrew Alexander, Crissie, David Pryde, and Annie.









ILA FISHER MAUGHAN

State champion in oratory for two consecutive years at Wasatch High School, 1911-12.

to the vacant lot that had been purchased for the new high school building, and under the spirited leadership of Superintendent D. A. Broadbent, sang school songs, gave school yells, heard talks and celebrated to the fullest honors given to Miss Fisher, and the advent of the new school building.

A year later Miss Fisher again captured the public address gold medal, the first time in Utah history that the same school had twice won this honor. Her oration, "Universal Peace" was widely reprinted.

Because of Miss Fisher's oratorical success, she was invited in June of 1912 to address the general conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Associations and the Primary Association of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She spoke in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on Temple Square to the theme of "Three Pioneer Women." Her eloquent address was hailed in the Salt Lake City newspapers as the highlight of the conference.

The prestige of Wasatch High School was further boosted in 1913 when Afton Clyde (Kimball) brought additional honors by winning first place in the annual State Declamation Contest and bringing to the school its third gold medal.

Through the years many Wasatch teams in the arts and athletics claimed honors for their school. The school band frequently participated

in parades and won several national awards for marching contests. Wasatch athletic teams often were participants in state playoffs.

The original high school building constructed in 1912 was inadequate for school needs by 1927, and a modern brick addition was built. Still another addition was made in 1959 to meet further growth of the school.

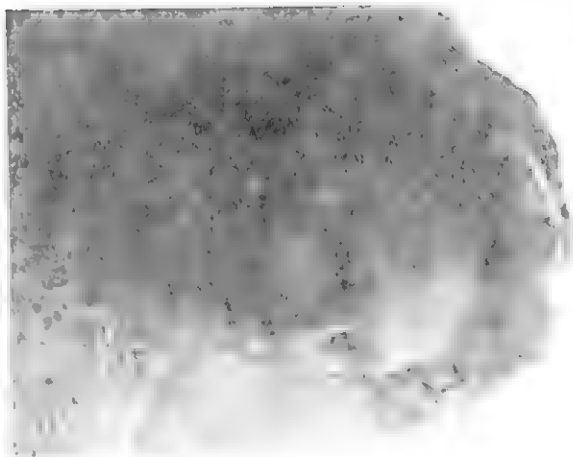
Wasatch High School today stands heads above its beginning self. Its modern classroom facilities and a faculty of 29 teachers plus the principal are large steps forward from rented quarters and a teaching staff of a principal and two teachers. But the spirit of learning and determination to succeed has always been a part of the school and will continue to dominate the activities of all who become a part of Wasatch High School.

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Poet  
Biographer

*Ila Fisher Maughan*



LOCAL EDUCATION, UTAH THE APPOINTMENT



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Ila F. Maughan, age 91, died in her sleep, December 28, 1985 in Santa Ana, California. She was born December 30, 1893 in Heber City, Utah to David Fisher, IV and Mary Ann McDonald. She was reared in Heber City and graduated from Wasatch High School with the class of 1912. After teaching three years in the Central School in Heber City, she attended the Utah Agricultural College at Logan and the University of Utah. She received a B.A. Degree and a Master's Degree from the University of Utah. She resided in Lowell, Utah. She married Russell Lowell Maughan, Jr. on August 14, 1919. They were later divorced. Active member, L.D.S. Church. Noted for her poetry, non-fiction and genealogical books, she has been listed in the "Who's Who" Directory of the League of Utah Writers and was a member of the D.U.P. She was preceded in death by a son, Russell Lowell Maughan, Jr., a daughter, Margaret Maughan, a son, William Maughan, a daughter, Mrs. J. Eugene (Lola) Russon, Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Robert L. (Mary Ann) Lock, Santa Ana, California, also survived by 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held in Salt Lake City at the Valecrest II Ward, 1015 South 8th East on Friday, January 10, 1986 at 12:00 Noon. Friends may call at the ward chapel, 1015 South 8th East, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 9, 1986. Burial will be in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. Russon Brothers, Funeral Directors. N3 1/8 N1 1/8



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LIVINGSTON AND AMELIA  
ANN CLEGG MONTGOMERY



Livingston Montgomery was born at Waterside, Delmington Ayrshire, Scotland, on March 28, 1858, son of Robert and Mary Rogers Loury Montgomery. He married Amelia Ann Clegg in the Logan Temple on December 28, 1887. Amelia Ann was born January 19, 1869, at Springville, Utah. She

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died February 21, 1953. Livingston died January 20, 1932. Their children were: Livingston Clegg, Mary Ann, Francis Clayton Juventa (Mrs Charles Hamblin) and Walter.

Livingston was the fifth child in the family. He sailed from Liverpool, England, for New York with his mother, brothers and sisters on the 'Tapscott' on May 14, 1862. Arriving at New York, they left at once by train for the Missouri River, where they joined the Captain Homer Duncan company. The family reached Heber Valley on September 22, 1862. Here they rejoined Robert Montgomery, husband and father of the group.

Livingston shared all the early experiences of pioneer times. He was especially gifted as a mimic, reader and singer. He and William Harvey, also a singer, served as a source of entertainment for most public and social gatherings. "Leave," as he was called, was a talented writer and contributed poems and song lyrics on many festive occasions.

Livingston filled a mission to the Northern States for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a member of the Wasatch Stake High Council.

Amelia Ann Clegg Montgomery was active in Church and civic organizations. She was the first president of Heber Third Ward Primary and later was president of the Mutual. She was a charter member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

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DAVID A. PENROD AND  
ISABELL KERBY

David Abram Penrod was born April 9, 1872, at Provo, Utah, oldest son of Abraham and Ellen Durfee Penrod. He came to Wallsburg with his parents at the age of two. Isabell Kerby was born January 12, 1870, in Wallsburg, daughter of Francis and Mary LeCarnu Kerby. In Mary's writing in her family history she says: "David Abram Penrod and Isabell Kerby, founders of this record and family, were raised in the little town of Wallsburg, one of the most beautiful villages in the world,

nestling among the mountains which seem to surround it as a towering wall of protection." They were both reared on the farm and enjoyed the privileges and pleasures of country life. They started to go together in June, 1890, and were married in the Manti Temple on October 28, 1892. Isabell died July 22, 1922, in Idaho, and is buried with her baby daughter, Ellen, in the cemetery at Declo, Idaho. David died at Pleasant Grove, Utah, on October 4, 1949, after a lingering illness.

After Isabell's death, David married Melissa Ford, daughter of Joseph Lewis Ford and Eliza Lovisa Smith. She was born February 4, 1881, and died November 29, 1942. He then married Clara Farley Mecham, who was born February 19, 1892.

As a young man, David carried the mail on horseback to Heber and back. It took a young man to stand up under the strain.

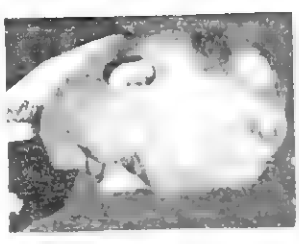
David filled a mission in the Southern States from 1905 to 1907. His experiences in Kentucky were a tremendous test of the spiritual and moral strength of the young man. While he was gone, Isabell took care of the children and farm, with the help of her son Francis, 12.

David was a Seventy in the Church, an office he wanted to remain in. After they moved to Declo, Idaho, he filled two stake missions in Cassia County, 1927-28 and 1937-38, and in the Timpanogos Stake, 1940-41. He was an ardent Church worker.

Isabell was a great worker in the Wallsburg Ward. She was blessed with the natural gift of the poet, like many of the gifted members of the Kerby family. She was called to write poetry and prose for her president of the YWMIA, counselor in the Church activities. In Wallsburg she was Primary and Relief Society and a Sunday School teacher. She was a fine actress also.

Their children: Francis, Mabel, Paul, MaDella, and Louise.





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Participants in the high school opera "Princess Chrysanthemum," directed by Prof. O. A. Whitaker, are pictured here, as follows: Back row: left to right, Elijah Hicken, Alice Clegg, Mina Bond, Mattie Clegg, Mazie Campbell, Lecia Murdock, Lula Clegg, Ethel Hicken and Cardwell Clegg. Center row, Gladys Lindsay, Annie Lindsay, Mable Ritchie, Naomi Duke, Annie McMullin, Rolland Wootton. Front row, Clayton Montgomery, Ben Roberts, Minnie Duke, Jewett Fortie, Arthur Olson and Rue Murdock.

building. One of our banners read, 'All praise to the High School supporters! Thank you, Pa: you'll never regret it!' and that's what we say. We also wish to thank each member of the Board for his loyal and untiring efforts. We feel that you are behind us and willing to supply us with everything we need to make us a great and creditable High School. The vote on the bonds convince us that practically all the thinking people are High School 'boosters,' that they appreciate our efforts, and that they are satisfied with the conditions of the school at the present time.

"The demonstration made when it was a known fact that the bonds were voted was conclusive proof that there is spirit and enthusiasm in the school; it also gave an idea of what our strength will be next year. 'You've given us room to live and learn, now watch us grow and develop.'

"Few, if any, realize what the vote 'Bonds, Yes,' means for this county. It means, first, that we shall have a commodious up-to-date building, that will accommodate 300 students, and teachers enough to give them proper instruction. It also means that next year 150 young men and women from this valley will be receiving an education in one of the best high schools on earth. Look at the money this keeps in the county, and look at the dozens of the best boys and girls in our valley who will have an opportunity of gaining an education who couldn't think of obtaining such a luxury were it not for the fact that they can get it at home.

"Students, our parents and supporters have done their part, now it is our turn to prove that we are made of the right 'stuff.' The way to do this is to get in and work. Don't let the first ray of sunshine melt your ambition, but stay with the school until the last day. When school closes get out and 'rustle' so that when school opens next September we can show the people that we appreciate their efforts by taking advantage of our new High School building."

The spirit of the occasion ran so high that on the day after the election the school band, directed by Prof. O. A. Whitaker, joined by all the faculty, the student body and even eighth graders, (high school students of the next year), started on a tour of the entire district to show their appreciation to the voters. The first stop was in Midway where the band played a number of selections. Charleston was the next stop, and a waiting group of people greeted the entourage here. A few tunes by the band were played, and then lunch was served. A short parade followed down the street, and then the group was off for Daniel where they serenaded them with another lunch. After a short program the touring group returned to Heber, arriving at 6 p.m.

In 1908 Orson Adelbert Whitaker and family moved to Heber. O. A. came to supervise and teach music in the district schools and high school. He was a real friend of the young people and he had a way of getting the pupils to take part in things and bring out hidden talent.

Beside his work in the schools, he was an ardent civic and church worker. He furnished music for many funerals and celebrations.

He loved Wasatch County and wished to be buried there when he died. Today his remains lie in the Midway Cemetery.

Some of his sons bought the old Schneiters Hot Pots and have made the place a modern resort.

Typical of the love his students bore for him is this article from the student yearbook of 1910:

"Our music department is one of the most notable features of our school. It has been a source of comfort and cheer to us when our path seemed dark and rugged. Few schools can boast of such a band and orchestra as ours. They are ever ready to do service to uplift and make known our institution.

"Seldom can there be found less than 90 per cent of all the students taking music. We have the largest vocal department of any high school in the state, that is, in proportion to the enrollment.

"Music has carried our victories into every home, taken them to every heart. Mr. Whitaker, as director, has put forth every effort to make his work the big success that it is. Much praise is due him for his noble, energetic work. An operetta has been presented each year. They have always been big successes."

He did a great deal to put over the high school bond issue for a new high school.



The new building program even found enthusiastic response in the words of the high school song, "Wasatch, We Love Thee," written by Prof. O. A. Whitaker, music director of high and elementary schools. Verse three included mention of the new school. The words are as follows:

## I

Wasatch, Dear, we love thee well;  
'Tis here in peace and joy we dwell;  
And in thy praise a song we'll swell,  
Thy wond'rous destiny foretell.  
Thou art nestled midst the hills,  
With smiling brooks and laughing rills;  
O, what rapture, my heart fills  
With thanks to God my bosom thrills.

## Refrain:

Wasatch, Oh, lovely Wasatch,  
Beautiful, young and free;  
Wasatch, Oh, my dear Wasatch,  
Thou art home, art home to me.

## II

Thy snow-capped spires towering high;  
Gleaming 'neath the sunlit sky;  
All with nature's beauties, vie,  
As canyon breezes softly sigh;  
Utah, Queen of all the West,  
With a Wasatch, thou art blessed;  
Lovelier than all the rest,  
So the stars and flowers confess.

## III

Before another year has gone,  
We'll labor hard, and build a home,  
A high school building of our own.  
The world will wonder how we've grown.  
In years to come when we are gray,  
We'll hear the untold thousands say:  
"God bless our parents, bless the day  
They gave to us a better way."



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## WILLIAM WALTER WILSON, SR.

Son of Thomas Wilson and Jane Ellis Wilson. Born September 19, 1825, Parish of Namicullen County, Armagh, Ireland. Married Emily Mansfield Gray. Married Mary Magdeline Manchel. Died March 8, 1880.

Emily Mansfield Gray, daughter of Samuel Gray and Maria Mansfield. Born March 2, 1837, Dalry, Darlryshire, England. Died May 19, 1890, Lewiston, Idaho.

Mary Magdeline Manchel, daughter of Sersine Mitchell Manchel and Mary Catherine Igger. Born February 29, 1846, St. Carline, Switzerland. Died January 7, 1897, West Jordan, Utah.

Children of William Walter Wilson, Sr. and Emily Mansfield Gray:

William John, married Madora Clift  
Mrs. James Monroe (Emily Jane) Lowder  
Mrs. W. H. (Maria) Bond

Thomas J., married Elizabeth Tanner  
Robert Cunningham died in youth  
Maggie Cunningham, married Joseph Foster; H. M. Tanner

James Thomas, married Ravenna Jordine George  
Mrs. Richard (Lizzie Lindsay) Hale  
Samuel, married Clara Malson

Mrs. J. J. (Cuilia Matilda) Brazler  
Children of William Walter Wilson, Sr. and Mary Magdeline Manchel:

Mrs. William (Mary) Bennion  
Catherine died in infancy  
Isabella Mellisa

Robert Walter Mansfield, married Clara Goff

Mary Josephine  
John Homer died in infancy  
Mrs. William Eugene (Julia Cordelia) Wagstaff.

William Wilson, Sr., lived in the Fort String. He was a pioneer of Utah and helped in the development of the West. He was of sturdy stock and assumed his responsibilities with courage.



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# Poet buried in rocking chair

By Kris Radish  
Deseret News correspondent


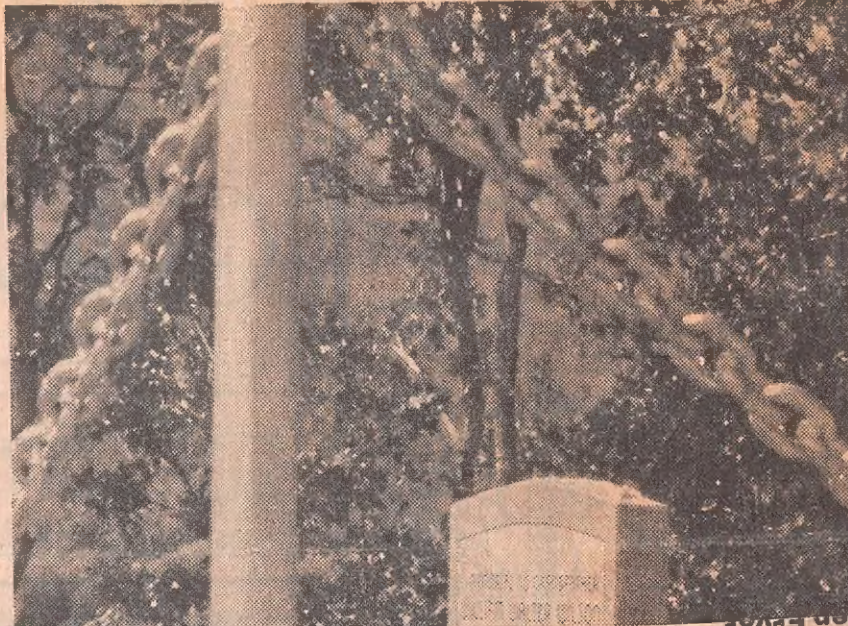
MIDWAY, Wasatch County — If all those golfers at Wasatch Mountain State Park knew who was watching them from the top of the hill, a few games and averages would most likely improve.

William Walter Wilson has been gazing across the Heber Valley and what is now the Wasatch Mountain State Park Golf Course since 1880. That's the year Wilson died and was buried on a hill overlooking the valley.

Pioneer gravesites scattered across Utah's hills and valleys are not uncommon, but Wilson's grave is special enough to deserve some notice.

His gravestone reads, "Mormon, pioneer, polygamist, poet, farmer, miner and militia man," and if that's not enough, Wilson was buried right on that Midway hill sitting in his rocking chair.

That's right — in his rocker. His gravestone reads, "He was buried under these oaks where he enjoyed much leisure



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